12 was noted. One doctor and two staff members were found coming late. Their explanation has been called for.

(c) The dispensaries located at R.K. Puram, Sector-12 observe the prescribed timings.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) In view of (d) above, the question does not arise.

Supply of Condoms to Maharashtra

1466. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are not supplying the required quantity of condoms to Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) The supplies of condoms (Nirodh) under the scheme of Free Supply are made on the basis of consumption pattern in previous year and available resources. So far, during the current year 26 million pieces of condoms have been supplied to Maharashtra. The State has been allocated of 40 million pieces to be supplied in whole year. It is short by 15 million pieces as the demand of the State was for 55 million pieces. Due to fund constraints, nearly 20 to 50 percent less supply is made to States. However, in case of Maharashtra the gap is only by 27.3 percent of the total demand.

Purchase of Vehicles from National Malaria Eradication Fund

1467. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK KARASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 35 Ambassador cars and 5 Pick up vans, valued Rs. 70.85 lakh, was procured by the Uttar Pradesh Government in March, 1994 out of National Malaria Eradication fund; and

(b) whether the vehicles purchased have been used for implementing the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) The Government of Uttar Pradesh is provided Central assistance in kind only under the National Anti Malaria Programme. It has been informed that Government of Uttar Pradesh purchased vehicles out of their own resources and provided them to the Officers who are also responsible for supervision and monitoring of the implementation of National Anti Malaria Programme, the Programme being horizontal.

Awareness for Cultivating Medicinal Plants

1468. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to undertake a project to promote awareness among farmers about medicinal plants and make them cultivate the plants on a large scale;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to set up Medicinal Plant Board, to safeguard the commercial interest of farmers producing these plants; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) A Scheme has been implemented by Indian Council of Agricultural Research for encouraging farmers for cultivation of medicinal plants. Agro-techniques are being developed for ex-situ cultivation. A number of varieties of medicinal and aromatic plants have been developed and made available to the farmers for cultivation.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) A proposal is being processed to set up a "Medicinal Plants Board" as an agency which would be responsible to coordinate